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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 VINCENT PAUL MELENDREZ,
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10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 MARGARET GILBERT,
Respondent.

CASE NO. C17-984 RAJ-BAT

**ORDER GRANTING
PETITIONER'S UNOPPOSED
MOTION TO STAY**

13 *Pro se* petitioner Vincent Paul Melendrez, proceeding *in forma pauperis*, moves to stay
14 and abey his federal habeas proceedings based on his attempt to exhaust state-court remedies in a
15 soon-to-be filed state personal restraint petition ("PRP"). Dkt. 19. Respondent does not oppose
16 petitioner's motion to stay. Dkt. 20.

17 The Court finds that petitioner has demonstrated good cause for staying the present
18 matter as a protective petition contemplated in *Pace v. DiGuglielmo*, 544 U.S. 408, 416 (2005).
19 The Court therefore **GRANTS** petitioner's unopposed motion to stay the proceedings until his
20 state-court PRP proceeding is completely adjudicated. Dkt. 19. **The Court directs respondent**
21 **and petitioner each to file a status report with Magistrate Judge Brian A. Tsuchida every**
22 **one hundred twenty (120) days, beginning one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of**
23 **this Order.** All pending deadlines are stricken, and respondent need not file an Answer to the

1 federal habeas petition until forty-five (45) days after the stay of proceedings is lifted.

2 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to petitioner and to the Honorable
3 Richard A. Jones.

4 DATED this 12th day of October, 2017.

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7 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA
United States Magistrate Judge